

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17, and 20 have been rejected as anticipated by IBM Technical Disclosure to Tsui et al. Claims 5, 12, and 19 have been rejected as unpatentable over Tsui et al. in view of Foy et al., US 4,916,457.

The Examiner's cooperation during the telephone interview of April 21, 2003 is greatly appreciated. The claims have been amended in order to reflect the discussion between the Examiner and Robert Lipcsik on that date.

Currently amended claim 1 recites each of the second set of apertures being separate and apart from each of the first set of apertures (Fig. 2). Tsui et al., Foy et al., and the other art of record do not disclose an assembly with this and the other disclosed features. Claim 1, as well as claims 2-7 which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

Currently amended claim 8 recites each of the first set of connectors being separate and apart from each of the second set of connectors (Fig. 2). Tsui et al., Foy et al., and the other art of record do not disclose an assembly with this and the other disclosed features. Claim 8, as well as claims 9-12 which depend from claim 8, are in condition for allowance.

Currently amended claim 13 recites the second connecting means being separate and apart from the first connecting means (Fig. 2). Tsui et al., Foy et al., and the other art of record do not disclose an assembly with this and the other

disclosed features. Claim 13, as well as claims 14-19 which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

Currently amended claim 20 recites the first component and the second component never sharing the same connector (Fig. 2). Tsui et al., Foy et al., and the other art of record do not disclose an assembly with this and the other disclosed features. Claim 20 is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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